

## Bike Station Opens at Fruitvale BART

Need a place to stow your bike before you hop on BART? Check out the new Bike Station at Fruitvale BART.

The Fruitvale Bike Station includes fully supervised indoor parking for over 230 bicycles from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays. The Bike Station is located in the Paseo of the Fruitvale Village, near the entrance to the Fruitvale BART Station.

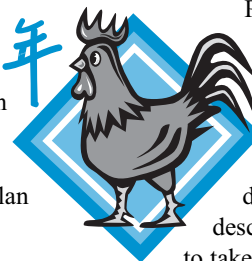
To encourage new users, Bike Station operator Alameda Bicycle will give away free bicycle water bottles to the first 100 cyclists at the Bike Station on Thursday, March 3.

Bike parking is free and customers can also get repair services and bike accessories at the Bike Station. Cyclists can reserve bike station spots online before hitting the road at [www.fruitvalebikestation.org](http://www.fruitvalebikestation.org). For more information call 510/536-2200.



## Gung Hay Fat Choy from BART

Celebrate the Year of the Rooster, take BART to the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Exit at the Montgomery or Powell Street Stations. To plan your trip, visit [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov).



Named one of the world's top ten parades, the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year

Parade is the largest event of its kind outside of Asia. A San Francisco tradition since just after the Gold Rush, the parade continues to delight and entertain the many hundreds of thousands of people who descend on downtown San Francisco to take part in the spectacle. Don't miss the BART Mobile which will be appearing in this year's parade!"

## Take BART to Blues Hall of Fame Show

The West Coast Blues Society presents its 2005 Hall of Fame & Awards Show! Take BART to Lake Merritt Station. The event is held at the Calvin Simmons Theatre at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, 10 Tenth St. in Oakland, Saturday, February 19, 2005 7:00-11:00 p.m. For more information, visit [bayareabluesociety.net](http://bayareabluesociety.net).

The ceremony will honor blues, jazz and gospel artists for their contributions to the blues.

Master of Ceremonies, Greg Edmonds of KGO Radio, will introduce ten extraordinary artists who will be inducted into the West

Coast Blues Hall of Fame. The Bob Geddins Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented and General Category Awards will be given to the blues singer of the year, blues guitarist of the year, blues sax of the year, and more.

Funds from this event will support the Bay Area Blues Society's "Blues in the Schools" program. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Seniors and students can purchase discounted tickets.



## BART Gets Highest Customer Satisfaction Marks Ever

Eighty-six percent of riders say they are satisfied with BART service according to a new customer satisfaction survey. That's the highest rating BART has received since the survey began in 1996.



According to the survey an unprecedented 93% of BART riders also say they would recommend BART to a friend. Customer satisfaction ratings improved in 43 of the 44 areas BART surveys.

Much of the success is due to new ticket machines, high on-time performance and renovated stations and trains.

"A good deal of thanks goes to our workforce," said BART General Manager Tom Margro. "Even while BART faced the worst

economic downturn in our 32-year history, the employees stepped up to the task of improving the rider experience."

Every two years, BART commissions an independent survey, which asks riders how they feel about everything from train service and on-time performance to ticket vending machines. This most recent survey was completed in the fall of 2004. More than 6,100 randomly-selected riders participated.

### The Wisdom of Eve

Alchemy Works and the Alliance for Representative Theatre  
The Ashby Stage  
1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, 510/845-5576  
**BART: Ashby**

**Feb. 11-20:** Adapted from the Mary Orr story that was the basis for the classic film "All About Eve," this production shows three of the leading characters --Margo, Eve and Vera -- with physical disabilities. But the disabilities seen by the audience are not what they seem.

### Hilda

A.C.T.'s First Look series  
Zeum Theater  
Fourth and Howard streets, San Francisco  
www.act-sf.org or 415/749-2228  
**BART: Powell or Montgomery**

**Through Feb. 26:** "Hilda" is a taut psychological thriller charting the mysterious relationship between an upper-class housewife and the beautiful yet unseen woman she hires as a nanny. The first play by acclaimed French-African writer Marie Ndiaye, the play explores the insidious motivations behind class relationships.

### Garry Knox Bennett:

**Preoccupations of a Serial Chairmaker**  
Oakland Museum of California Off-Site  
Gallery 555, 555 12th St. at Clay, Oakland  
The Sculpture Court, Oakland City Center  
www.museumca.org or 510/238-2200  
**BART: Oakland City Center/12th Street**

**Through March 25:** Bennett's roots in the Bay Area's 1960s counterculture and his disdain for conventional technique influence the 43 chairs in this two-venue exhibition.

### The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant

Last Planet Theatre, 351 Turk St., San Francisco  
www.lastplanettheatre.com or 415/440-3505  
**BART: Civic Center**

**Feb. 10-March 6:** Bitter tears and high fashion mingle in a production that promises lush emotion.

### Monster

SF Playhouse  
563 Sutter St., San Francisco  
www.ticketweb.com or 415/677-9596  
**BART: Powell**

**Feb. 11-March 18:** Dr. Frankenstein is in his 20s, a biotech genius whose morality lags far behind his scientific brilliance. The creature he assembles destroys those he loves.

### The World of Joyce Hsu:

**A Site-Specific Installation of Dogs, Daisies, and Flying Objects**  
Bedford Gallery  
Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts  
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek  
www.bedfordgallery.org or 925/295-1417  
**BART: Walnut Creek**

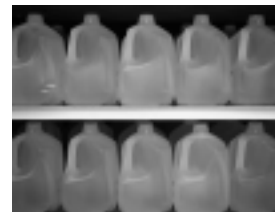
**Feb. 13-May 15:** The acclaimed Bay Area artist creates an extraordinary universe filled with large-scale mechanical insects, unusually tall flowers, and loyal but unpredictable creatures called NaaBee.

## Tsunami Relief Train Donations Exceed Goal

Bay Area residents and BART riders donated so generously to the "Bay Area Tsunami Relief Train" effort that the contributions far exceeded the amount needed to meet the goal of sending the equivalent of a BART train full of bottled water to tsunami survivors.

The "Bay Area Tsunami Relief Train" fund collected \$15,500. That's nearly eight times the goal that was set for donations.

Because contributions exceeded the price of 10 tons of water at cost from Safeway, Project Concern International has agreed that it will use 100% of the additional donations toward its tsunami relief efforts. Thanks to all who contributed!



## Ride BART to the S.F. Crab Festival

Celebrate San Francisco's edible icon, the Dungeness crab, during the third annual San Francisco Crab Festival. Take BART and enjoy special events throughout February in some of the City's liveliest neighborhoods, all in honor of the classic crustacean!



The crab fleet at Fisherman's Wharf is coming home heavy so now's the time to hop on BART, head to the City and enjoy this seasonal delight. Crack some claws and check out a boatload of fun and appetizing events including the North

Beach Crab Crawl, Celebrity Crab Cracking at Union Square, the Crab Festival Classic Car Show at Fisherman's Wharf, Crab & Wine Tasting Seminars and much more.

The San Francisco Crab Festival runs through February so catch it while you can! For more details visit [www.sfvisitors.org/crab](http://www.sfvisitors.org/crab) then use BART's online scheduler to plan your trip. The Crab Festival is organized by the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau.

## Acres of Bargains for Peanuts

Ride BART to the 44th annual White Elephant Sale - the biggest rummage sale in Northern California, Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 6, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Save time, reduce stress and avoid parking - ride BART to the sale. A White Elephant Sale shuttle will operate between Fruitvale BART and the Sale site - a 96,000 sq ft. warehouse located on the Oakland Estuary at 333 Lancaster St., Oakland. The shuttle will run from one hour before the sale opens, to one hour after closing time on both sale days.



Held once a year, the mammoth White Elephant Sale features 17 departments selling: art, furniture, clothing (men, women, children, and vintage), shoes, jewelry, sporting goods, books and videos, cameras, electrical items, linen, boutique goods and more. Items are gently used or new.

All proceeds from the White Elephant Sale go to support programs and exhibitions at the Oakland Museum of California. The event is sponsored by the Women's Board of the museum.

